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Ministering in Japan



Alumnus Awarded

## The Pursuit of Truth

**T**yndale is committed to the pursuit of truth. This commitment is embodied in our mission statement as the first of four guiding principles that direct our institutional community. However in order to begin this pursuit, we must have a clear understanding of what 'truth' is.

The traditional understanding of truth, dating back to Plato and Aristotle, maintains that for a proposition to be true it must correspond with reality. In other words, to say that a proposition is true is to say the content of that proposition lines up with the facts of the actual

world. For example, if one says the statement "Jesus died and rose again" is true, one would mean that a real person named Jesus really died and rose again. The statement is true because its contents match the facts of the real world.

In contrast with this view of truth is a contemporary understanding that makes the individual, and not the facts of reality, responsible for determining whether something is true. This view of truth is not just culturally popular, but has also become popular within contemporary Christian circles. For example, in his book *Blue Like Jazz*, Christian author Donald Miller writes:

*"There are many ideas within Christian spirituality that contradict the facts of reality as I understand them. A statement like this offends some Christians because they believe if aspects of their faith do not obey the facts of reality, they are not true."* —Donald Miller, *Blue Like Jazz*, Nelson 2003, pg. 201.

There are many problems with this view of truth. We will concern ourselves with only two: one philosophical and one theological.

One philosophical problem with Miller's view of truth is that, if correspondence with

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## Remembering old truths in the Dominican Republic

**M**y greatest understanding of missions came as I was sitting on a broken lawn chair with ducks waddling around my feet and a tin roof above my head in the sultry Dominican municipality of Consuelo. I found myself there one scorching afternoon after a long morning of teaching English to a small class of Compassion International sponsor children. Raquel, one of the administrators, had invited me to see her home during the afternoon siesta. So I found myself that day hand in hand with this Dominican woman and her daughter walking along a dusty side street listening to her tell me the story of her broken marriage, the difficulties of raising her children on such limited resources — and the greatness of the incredibly sufficient God we both serve.

It was a simple moment. Yet it was a poignant reminder of the purpose of

the three week experience in the Dominican Republic in May 2009 for a small team from Tyndale. We didn't go with an agenda of tasks to complete. We went with hearts burdened to serve, living Christ and demonstrating His unconditional love and mercy as we were privileged to walk along the journey of life for a short time with the beautiful Dominican people. By living with and working alongside them we were blessed to come to know many of them personally, forming friendships and

growing together in Christ. We learned quickly that love knows no age, language or cultural barrier. We learned deeply that what God requires of us is that we do what is right, love mercy and walk humbly before our God (Micah 6:8). We were blessed to witness this truth in the lives of our Dominican friends and family. Together we sought to fulfill the Great Commission, to go into all the world and preach the gospel. In May 2009 that brought us to Consuelo. Today it brings us to Canada, scattered across our own country with the same purpose and calling — to see the fields ripe for harvest, the mission field in our own backyard.

—Ashley Baker was one of seven Tyndale University College students who went on a Missions trip to the Dominican Republic this summer. Her other teammates were Tim Cruickshank, Kristina Derkatch, Matt Murray, Kevin Rabishaw, Jody Raishaw, and Kevin Slater.



◀ Ashley Baker (right) shares a moment with Raquel (left) one of the women she met during her time in the Dominican Republic.

# Presidential Search Update

The search for a new president of Tyndale began in earnest several months ago with the formation of the Presidential Search Committee. The committee is comprised of board members Steven Holmes (Board Chair), Archie McLean (Board Vice Chair), Susan Finlay, Mark Boehmer and Michael Spino. Other members include faculty members Richard Davis and Donald Goertz; Tyndale staff, Randy Henderson; and external representative Dave Toycent, president of World Vision Canada.

To date the committee has:

- prepared a detailed candidate profile which has been communicated throughout the Tyndale communities
- generated an extensive list of prospects

- from institutions across North America
- communicated with many such prospects
- met in person with a select number of prospects

While there is an obvious desire to successfully conclude the search as soon as possible, the search committee is committed first and foremost to hearing from God in the confidence that He will lead us to the candidate with the competence, calling and Godly character to be the next

president for Tyndale. In the meantime, Steven Holmes, Susan Finlay and Archie McLean jointly comprise the Office of the President to which the Tyndale cabinet reports.

Please pray that God's wisdom and discernment would continue to guide the search committee in this vital task.

—To view the detailed candidate profile created by the Search Committee visit [www.tyndale.ca/presidentsearch](http://www.tyndale.ca/presidentsearch).

...He will lead us to the candidate with the competence, calling and Godly character to be the next president for Tyndale.

## Coming up in Connection

On November 20, 2008, Tyndale University College & Seminary unveiled a new mission statement. Focus groups of staff, faculty, Board members and students as well as a cross-functional working team were involved in the process of its creation. The new statement reflects the purpose and vision of Tyndale as it moves forward.

### MISSION STATEMENT

Tyndale is dedicated

**To the pursuit of truth**

To excellence in teaching, learning and research,

For the enriching of mind, heart and character,

To serve the Church and the world

For the glory of God

For the next few issues of Connection we will be focusing on how the various aspects of the mission statement are reflected in the lives of our students, alumni, faculty and friends, and thus form the foundation of our Tyndale community. This issue our focus is "The Pursuit of Truth."



THE PURSUIT OF *Truth*

### Correction:

*It was reported in the Spring/Summer 2009 edition of Connection that Paul Fawcett had passed away. This was an error. Alumnus Paul Fawcett is alive and well, ministering and living in Stouffville, Ontario. The Connection team apologizes for this misprint and thanks you for your understanding.*

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# The Student Perspective

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The quest for truth is central to all we do at Tyndale. So we decided to ask a couple students and alumni how they were challenged towards this end during their time at Tyndale.

## How are you challenged to pursue truth at Tyndale?



**“** By being reminded frequently by my professors that studying at seminary is not just about the pursuit of knowledge, but also spiritual formation. Also, I've learned about the importance of having the honesty and integrity not to twist Scripture (Bible translations!) to convey our messages. **”**

—See Kiat Toh, MTS student, Tyndale Seminary



**“** One of the things that I love about Tyndale is the commitment that the professors have to not only teaching the truth, but also encouraging their students to walk in it. I've learned that knowledge is not just something to acquire, but more importantly, it is something to apply to every aspect of my life. The strong community at Tyndale has been instrumental in holding me accountable to the truth, and encouraging me to apply what I've learned in all areas of my life. **”**

—Katie Carline, History student, Tyndale University College



**“** I am more likely to seek out the opinions of a wide spectrum of faith traditions, as well as search across history. This was the model that was given to me as I searched for truth in the halls and classrooms of Tyndale. It allowed me to consider different perspectives on difficult issues, and even to hold seeming paradoxical viewpoints in the same space. **”**

—Stephen Cox, MDiv 2005 grad, Tyndale Seminary



**“** In Canada (and in the West) we live in a pluralist culture which accommodates a limitless number of narratives and even the worldview(s) that say(s) there is no such thing as truth. Tyndale has provided me the environment and equipped me with the tools – to the glory of God – to understand the truth of the gospel, which informs the true understanding of humanity, the world, and my own life. This is the narrative of the people of God, this is my own story. **”**

—Ryan Tudor, BA Hons 2009 grad, Tyndale University College

## Tyndale Welcomes Dr. Timothy L. Thomas – Registrar

Dr. Timothy L. Thomas has often asked himself the question, "Where can I make a difference?" This has led to a lifetime of service in academia, where he has taken his passion for Jesus Christ and for teaching to generations of students. Dr. Thomas served as Registrar, Associate Academic Dean, Chair of the Division of Philosophy & Religion, and Head of



the Department of Christian Ministries at Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky. Before his 27 years at Asbury College, Dr. Thomas taught at Canadian Nazarene College and in the public school system in the United States.

Since February 2009 Dr. Thomas has been the Registrar at Tyndale and continues to ask himself the question, "Where can I make a difference?" Now his focus is the lives of Tyndale students. As a young theology student at Wycliffe College, Dr. Thomas was once asked while riding the Toronto subway, "What kind of

Christian are you?" He answered, "A Christian who lives their faith." His response is one that has shaped his entire life and ministry. It is also the "faith-living Christian" he envisions Tyndale students to be. Dr. Thomas is firm in his belief that Ontario needs a Christ-centred university. He also believes Tyndale is ideally situated to be this university for Christian men and women who want to live their faith and who ask the question, "Where can I make a difference?"

—Allan Marriage is Alumni Director at Tyndale.

## The Pursuit of Truth

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reality is not what makes a proposition true, then the only other likely candidate is the individual. Truth then becomes relative to the beliefs of the individual. It is surprising that many people, including some Christians, find this view of truth attractive because it is patently false. On such a view, your belief that the earth is spherical is what makes it spherical and if I believed the earth was flat, then that belief would make it flat. But how could the earth be both spherical and flat? One of us must be wrong. Similarly, even if a community vehemently believes killing people because of their race is morally acceptable, it still remains morally wrong. It isn't wrong because we believe it is wrong. It is wrong because it conflicts with an objective moral standard.

The theological difficulty with Miller's statement can be seen in the Apostle Paul's letter to the Corinthians. Paul writes, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins" (1 Cor. 15:17). The Christian faith, according to Paul, is not dependent upon individual beliefs and desires, but on the fact that Jesus actually rose again. If we could travel back in time to Resurrection Sunday we would either witness Jesus rise from the dead or we wouldn't. According to Paul, if Jesus did not rise from the dead then Christianity is false – no matter how strongly we believe otherwise. Whereas, if he did rise, then Christianity is true – no matter how strongly others believe it false. In either case, it is not our beliefs that make Christianity true or false, it is the facts of reality.

Having a correct understanding of the nature of truth is important because it

motivates our pursuit of truth. If truth is simply what we make it to be, then there really isn't much to pursue. A pursuit of truth wouldn't be necessary because we could find it by simply looking inward and reporting our current beliefs. Central to the Christian worldview is the belief that God is the Creator and sustainer of all there is. But if I am the one who makes that belief true, as relativism espouses, then it is not God that creates me but I who create God. However, if truth consists in correspondence with reality, then I am capable of pursuing something other than the beliefs within myself. I can pursue truths about this world as God made it, not how I want it to be. Even better, I can pursue God not for who I make him to be, but for who He truly is.

—Paul Franks is Lecturer of Philosophy at Tyndale University College.

# Message from the Seminary Dean

Graduate theological education was traditionally viewed as a two or three year, full-time undertaking. At the end of it graduates took up their ministry position. Times have changed dramatically. Today the study of God's truth and the formation of the mind, heart and character for Christian leadership is seen as a lifelong venture. Students are coming to seminary at all stages of their lives and careers.

A recent trend in North American church life is congregations hiring ministry staff from within their ranks who are gifted leaders but who may



not have any formal theological education. Tyndale's In-Ministry MDiv is an exciting and innovative response. It is a program that richly interweaves part-time study with engagement in ministry practice.

Another trend is the increasing involvement of laypersons in the church ministry, whether in worship leading, discipling, teaching or outreach. Many of these leaders have full-time careers in other fields, but long to be theologically equipped for effective service. The seminary has designed an array of study opportunities in non-traditional format. This includes modular programs, online

learning, evening courses and summer school.

Even seminary alums – who recognize not just how much they have learned but how much is still to be learned – often are hungry for further study and development. Tyndale's cutting-edge Doctor of Ministry (DMin) degree and the revised and vibrant Master of Theology (ThM) degree can be vital components in the lifelong journey of knowing and serving God.

The changing social and religious landscape shows that the pursuit of truth is a life-long endeavor. Our seminary has learned to be nimble, innovative and creative in our educational offerings. But one thing remains unchanged – the commitment to equipping the church for mission.

—Dr. Janet L. Clark is Academic Dean and Associate Professor of Counselling at Tyndale Seminary.

## Faculty Updates



**Dr. Paul Bramer**, Professor of Christian Formation and Leadership, and Director of the Doctor of Ministry program

(Seminary), was guest editor for the Fall 2009 issue of *Common Ground Journal*. The ten articles in the journal focus on spiritual formation in the church and are available for free at [www.commongroundjournal.org/](http://www.commongroundjournal.org/). In the spring, Dr. Bramer designed and launched a networking website for those working in DMin programs. He also preached sermons at Norway Point Community Church, Muskoka and Emmanuel Anglican Church, Richmond Hill in August.



**Dr. Rebecca G. S. Idestrom**, Associate Professor of Old Testament (Seminary), led a Tyndale Israel Study Tour together

with Dr. Ian Scott May 17-June 7, 2009. This study tour was offered for credit, with 33 participants. In June, she returned to Tyndale House in Cambridge, England in order to do some research and writing for three weeks. While there she also attended the annual conference for the Tyndale Fellowship for Biblical and Theological Research in Cambridge, which ran July 6-9, 2009.



**Dr. John Kessler**, Professor of Old Testament (Seminary) served as external examiner at the PhD dissertation defence of Grace Ko

(a Tyndale graduate) at Wycliffe College/ Toronto School of Theology on September 25. On May 31, 2009 he presented a paper at the annual meeting of the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies at Carleton University, Ottawa entitled "Once again, the Motif of the 'Empty Land': Reflections on the Intersection of History, Ideology and Community in Sixth-Fourth Century BCE Literature." Earlier this year he also had his paper "The Diaspora in Zech 1-8 and

Ezra-Nehemiah: The Role of History, Social Location, and Tradition in the Formulation of Identity" published in *Community Identity in Judean Historiography: Biblical and Comparative Perspectives*. Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 2009.



**Dr. Ronald Kydd**, Research Professor of Church History (Seminary), provided pulpit supply and led services at St. Philip's on-the-Hill Anglican Church in Unionville for three weeks in June. From June 4 to 9 he attended The Third Conference on the Church of the East in China and Central Asia in Salzburg, Austria. Following that, he worked on J. Hudson Taylor's papers in the archive of the School of Oriental and African Studies in London, UK until June 23. He was invited to join a multi-disciplinary research project based at McGill University studying the First Global Economy. The project is being led by Prof. Gwyn Campbell, Canada Research Chair in Indian Ocean World History. It is in the final stage of adjudication with the Social Sciences and History Research Council of Canada.



**Dr. Barbara Leung Lai**, Associate Professor of Old Testament (Seminary), contributed a chapter (by invitation) to the *Psychology*

of *Guilt* research project of Nova Publishers. The volume will come out later this year. She is also working towards the completion of her monograph entitled, "The I-Window: Uncovering the Internal Profile of Hebrew Personalities" this summer.



**Dr. A. Donald MacLeod**, Research Professor of Church History (Seminary), was appointed Convener of the

Committee on History by the Presbyterian Church in Canada's General Assembly. He produced a 500th birthday celebration for John

Calvin on July 12 with four Quinte Christian Reformed congregations. Over 300 attended. He repeated the program later at the Summer Fellowship of Knox Church, Toronto. As President of the Canadian Society of Presbyterian History he gave the final paper at the annual meeting on September 26. He was the keynote speaker at a Reformation weekend rally in Ottawa in which two Presbyterian and two Christian Reformed congregations were involved. Dr. MacLeod also gave the Stanford Reid lecture at Acadia Divinity School on October 1 and at Atlantic Baptist University, Moncton, on October 6. He is currently completing a biography of MP Charles Cowan (1801-1889) using many primary documents inherited by his wife, a descendant of Cowan.



**Dr. Dennis Ngien**, Research Professor of Theology (Seminary), was at Oxford University as Visiting Scholar in May, working

on his book *Preaching of Great Preachers*. On June 18 he hosted and preached at his Centre for Mentorship & Theological Reflection's annual event at Tyndale, accompanied by Drs. Alister McGrath of London University and Michael Haykin of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He also preached in Malaysia July 4-5 at the Evangelistic Rally held by the Methodist Church. In June 2010 his Centre for Mentorship and Theological Reflection will host its annual event which will feature Dr. Ravi Zacharias and Dr. Ngien as speakers.



**Dr. Vincent Poon**, Professor of Counselling (Seminary), taught an intensive course on Youth and Family Ministry at Carey Theological College in Vancouver during June 2009. He also led a conference on premarital counselling for the Chinese pastors in the Greater Vancouver area on June 9, 2009.

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# In awe of Israel

Dr Ian Scott shares his experience during this summer's Israel Study Tour:



▲ Olive trees in the Garden of Gethsemane, on the Mount of Olives. No one knows for certain how old these trees are.

In May 2009 I set out for Israel with Dr. Rebecca Idestrom, Dr. Ginger Caessens, and 33 students, alumni, friends and spouses. During our three-week study tour we visited over 80 biblical sites, from Bethlehem and Beer Sheva in southern Judah, to Nazareth and Dan in northern Galilee. Perhaps most moving for me was the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. This rambling complex encases the likely sites of the empty tomb of Jesus and the rocky outcropping where he was put to death. At the summit of Golgotha is a little chapel. Here I joined the stream of pilgrims on my knees and put my hand through a tiny opening to touch the stones that were stained with Jesus' blood. In my eighteen years of studying and teaching the Scriptures, I have never been more overwhelmed with the reality of what God did for us — for me — that first Good Friday. After 21 days of these meaningful experiences (and



▲ Descending into "Hezekiah's tunnel," the 8th century water channel cut through bedrock right under the City of David. The channel brought water from the Gihon spring (on the north-eastern slope of the hill) to the Siloam pool at the southern tip of the city.

quite a few evenings poring over our maps and notes) I was ready to come home. I was ready to let what I had seen and touched soak in. But we are planning already to go back in May of 2011. I hope some of you can come along.

—Dr. Ian Scott is Associate Professor of New Testament at Tyndale Seminary.

## CCSTS: Program Update

*The Master of Divinity in the Chinese language is a program offered in conjunction with the Canadian Chinese School of Theology at Tyndale Seminary (CCSTS). What makes this program special is that the language of instruction is Mandarin. Through its innovative design the program equips Mandarin speaking students preparing for pastoral ministry and church planting with specialized, ethnic-specific training, thus preparing them for pastoral ministry and church planting among the growing Chinese communities in Canada and around the world. Here is a recent report on the program.*

This year CCSTS had six students who spent the summer doing pastoral internships, each for one month, and two alumni of the program who led about 30 Summer English Camps in various places. Between these six students and two alumni many Chinese provinces were covered, including Fujian, Shandong, Henan, Sichuan, and Qinghai.

These internship and exchange programs fostered a spirit of understanding and

partnership. Our students not only ministered to the Christians in these areas — they also learned from them. We are grateful that in spite of the H1N1 Swine Flu epidemic, that our people could travel in China without serious concerns. They have touched thousands of lives for the Lord and in turn their lives have been touched and changed. CCSTS students and alumni have also trained those who will eventually become trainers. Many of the people trained are pastors-



in-training and they will in turn serve thousands in their respective communities. It is a multiplying ministry whereby leaders are trained and equipped to train others.

God is using the resources of CCSTS to change the lives of many in China.

—Peter Au is the principal of CCSTS. For more information on Tyndale's Mandarin-language Master of Divinity program visit [www.tyndale.ca/go/ccsts](http://www.tyndale.ca/go/ccsts)

## ...Faculty Updates

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**Dr. Ian Scott**, Associate Professor of New Testament (Seminary), published a chapter entitled "A Jewish Canon before 100 BCE:

Israel's Law in the Book of Aristeas" in the book *Early Christian Literature and Intertextuality*, (Continuum). His article "Truth" was published in volume 5 of the *New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible* (Abingdon Press). He also published an article in Tyndale Seminary's online journal *Missio Dei* entitled "Paul and God's Multi-Cultural Mission." He preached in June at North York Mandarin Alliance Church and in August at Knox Presbyterian Church.



**Dr. Robert Shaughnessy**, Director of the Internship Program and Assistant Professor of Christian Ministry (Seminary), taught at the South Asia Institute of Advanced Christian Studies in Bangalore, India, from July 6 to August 31. He taught a course in pastoral care and counselling and presented a paper on missional theology.



**Dr. David Sherbino**, Professor of Pastoral Ministries and Spiritual Formation (Seminary), led the dedication service of Keswick Presbyterian Church in May as the moderator of the Presbytery of Oak Ridges. He also led a seven-day retreat on motorcycle through the hills of

West Virginia. In June he presented at the Tyndale staff retreat on "A Spiritual Approach to Work." In June he taught a week long course on "The Laity as Spiritual Directors" in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. This was followed by a weekend marriage enrichment seminar "The Gift of Marriage." In Singapore he preached at Mount Carmel Presbyterian Church on "Leaving a Legacy" and spoke at the inaugural four-day pastor's conference sponsored by the Biblical Graduate School of Theology. In July he led a three-day retreat for Presbyterian Pastors at Telunas Beach Indonesia on the theme "A Quieted Soul...The Repose of the Shepherd." In conjunction with the Canadian Council of Professional Certification, he has also completed the development of the Supervisors' Certification in Spiritual Direction.

## Student Missions

*During the spring and summer of this year, several groups of students from Tyndale went on short term mission trips. Some went halfway across the world, others stayed here—ministering within our own Canadian borders. Though their locations and experiences were different, they all witnessed the moving of God in a significant way. Here are a few of their stories.*

## Seeing the work of God in Zambia



► Beti Assefa talks with some of the youth her missions team met during their trip to Zambia.

The Zambia missions team spent four weeks in Zambia in partnership with SIM Canada, the Evangelical Church in Zambia and Scripture Union. They helped to run a provincial youth camp, along with service in orphan homes. Here is a report on their experience.

The seven day youth camp went well—we had 190 campers plus staff. On the first evening about 30 responded to the message on confession of sin and the teaching continued to be good throughout. The physical context was hard and the team did experience some sickness. This was expected to some degree, but we pushed through and did well, building

solid relationships with both the campers and peer educators.

On the weekend following camp we visited our former home church, Kanyonyo, for services where I was asked to preach. We were there for about a half hour when the elder came to inform me that I was the preacher for the morning. I have learned to always be prepared. The Lord directed and gave a message of encouragement that confirmed much of what He had been directing the leadership towards lately.

The team then headed to the village for a few days, to my good friend Mr. Manuelli's home. There was some roughing it there—sleeping in grass huts and using pit latrines—

but so much to learn from this man of God and his wife, as they cared for some 20 orphans, helped operate ministries of healing, a community school and skills training programs. The team wrapped up their experience and service with a weekend in two orphan homes, where Christian Zambian families care for their own children and 12-15 orphans, offering care and discipleship to these young ones who have already lost so much.

In looking back at the experience one team member writes, "I admire the perseverance of the people I've met in Zambia and have come to respect the struggles they've experienced that make up the stories of their lives. Surely I have taken these faces home with me to Canada, and I won't soon forget the things that they have taught me. I'm coming home different, full of the knowledge of a God who both sees and loves me."

—Dave Roberts is Missions Mentor at Tyndale. His team to Zambia included Abby Scott, Sarah Young, Beti Assefa, Jason Roberts and Tom More. Their trip ran from Aug 2 to Sept 2, 2009.

## Ministering in Moosonee

A team of four people (Andrew Friesen, Jake Campbell, Alicia Wilson, and Kristen Boven) headed north during the university's reading week in February. The purpose of this trip was to run a sports camp for the youth in Moosonee, ON with five others who would be meeting us there. Registration started off slowly but with some help from the people at Moosonee Baptist Church and others from the community, we were able to build more interest.

In addition to the sports camp, we were able to run some physical education classes within the school, and Kristen and Andrew were able to do a craft with one of the classes. We also

ministered through music, testimony and the Gospel. The week was an awesome experience for those of us involved, the climax being on the last day of camp when we were able to lead nine kids to the Lord! One of our clearest memories from that day is one little girl yelling at her friend "Come over here! You need to be saved!"

God was clearly at work in Moosonee and even though it was well below freezing the entire time, it was well worth our reading week. Keep the people of Moosonee in prayer, especially the Christians. There is a huge problem with suicides and attempts at suicide and there is also a lot of attack on the Christians from shamans and others who practice witchcraft in the area. Pray



► Team members bond during their time in Moosonee. From l-r Kristen Boven, Alicia Wilson, Andrew Friesen and Jake Campbell.

for them as well as the families who have been affected by suicide. Thanks and God bless!

—Jake Campbell is a Religious Studies student at Tyndale University College.

## Student Missions

## Mission to Alaska

**H**ow do you describe two weeks jam-packed with a variety of opportunities! A key phrase our team took to heart was "make the most of every opportunity" (Col. 4:5). We were the third Tyndale team to partner with Chris and Mari Sanner. It was a wonderful time of getting to know the Sanner family as we had the opportunity to join and share life with them

in Port Alsworth, Alaska. Our ministry for them largely consisted of helping them move from one village to another - a large undertaking when your family consists of 10 people – and unpacking and setting up their new home. We arrived just as the final load of their belongings was moved from the cargo plane into their house. We literally landed and started to minister by lending a helping hand. We were also able to

connect with people in both Port Alsworth (the new village) and Pedro Bay (where the Sanners had been previously) to visit and encourage them. As a team we ran a three-afternoon VBS-type program for the children in Port Alsworth, and Becky and Heather had a number of opportunities to spend time with the youth and young adults in both locations. Many friendships were created, and our lives were changed and stretched as we were amazed at what connections Jesus makes to bring people together. We realized once again that 'missions' does not fit into any one category.

—Sandy Roberts is the Regional Development Administrator, SIM Canada. The team that went to Alaska with her May 16-31, 2009 includes Heather Kay, Bev Kay, and Becky Roberts.

◀ Alaska team members become a part of the Sanner family.



## Ministering through music in Japan

For five weeks from May to June 2009, nine students from Tyndale flew to Japan to serve God. Our team was unique because our sole focus was to evangelize through music and worship to a nation that is less than 1% Christian.

**F**or the first 10 days of our trip, many of our scheduled concerts were cancelled due to swine flu scares. At first, we were disappointed, but we knew that God had other plans for us. We had more time to prepare for the concerts that had not been cancelled and were also able to prepare two puppet shows in Japanese for the children we would encounter. We also went door to door, handing out flyers for upcoming concerts and held "mini" concerts outside of train stations and grocery stores.

Soon enough we began spreading the Gospel through concerts in churches, preschools, and a university. Each night we were exhausted, but each morning brought fresh energy that God had provided for the next day. We saw God's presence through all the people that attended and also through the music despite the language barriers. After each concert, the Ghents (missionaries who we served with in Japan) were surprised, and shared how rare it is to see Japanese people being expressive and excited, especially through dance. For us, dance and praise may be normal, but in Japan, it was a



▲ The Japan missions team spend some time with the many friends they make during their trip.

welcomed surprise to see God's presence fall in such powerful ways.

Throughout the trip, each member of the team found themselves inspired more and more by the commitment and passion of the missionaries to serve God in a place as difficult as Japan. We witnessed the love that Jesus teaches about through the people serving the churches in Japan. We were also thrilled to see

how God used our ministry to open up new opportunities for many more people to know Christ. Thank You God for this great opportunity to experience the call you place in our lives to bring Your love to the nations!

—Soo Jin Lim is one of eight university students who spent the summer ministering in Japan through Tyndale's partnership with OMS Japan. They were led by Tyndale Worship Coordinator Colin Owen.

# Message from the University Dean

**B**oard Chair Steven Holmes and I recently visited Harvard University. We had meetings in Boston and, with time to fill before our return flight, decided to head over to Cambridge, MA. As we walked around the campus of the oldest and perhaps most prestigious university in the United States, the Harvard seal was everywhere. We stopped to look at some T-shirts to bring home as souvenirs. There was VE-RI-TAS on every one. Harvard seemed to be all about *veritas*, Latin for "truth."

When I returned home, I looked up the Harvard seal and the motto emblazoned upon it.



The motto did contain the word "truth" as I saw on the seal, but it was joined to three other Latin words: *christo et ecclesiae*, which were not on the seals we saw. The whole motto for Harvard University translated into English is "Truth...for Christ and the church."

The official seal and motto were consistent with the original vision for the institution found in the *Rules and Precepts of 1646*. The vision stated:

"Let every student be plainly instructed, and earnestly pressed to consider well, the maine end of his life and studies is, to know God and Jesus Christ which is eternal life (John 17:3) and

therefore to lay Christ in the bottome, as the only foundation of all sound knowledge and learning. And seeing the Lord only giveth wisdome, let everyone seriously set himself by pray in secret to seeke it of him (Prov. 2:3).

At Tyndale, we believe there is such a thing as VERITAS, as Truth, and we believe we should pursue it for the sake of Christ and the church. In the words of Tyndale's new mission statement, we are "dedicated to the pursuit of truth...for the glory of God."

—Dr. Daniel D. Scott is Academic Dean and Associate Professor of Christian Ministries at Tyndale University College.

## Faculty Updates



**Dr. Jan Alpenberg**, Associate Professor of Business Administration (University College), recently wrote the

chapter "Culture and the Toyota Production System Archetype: a preliminary assessment," with Dr. Paul Scarbrough in a peer reviewed book *Creativity and control in management control*, University Press 2009. He also wrote an article with Tyndale business graduate Norm O'Hara "The peril of volatile exchange rates to business" published this year in *Wire and Cable Business Review*, Vol. 09-1. From May 20 to 21 he attended the "4th International Conference in Innovation in Management," at Poznan University, Poland. There he presented a paper written by himself and Dr. T.P Wong entitled, "A meaning-centred approach to positive management."



**Trevor Brown**, Associate Professor of Education by special appointment (University College) came to this post in July 2009

after serving as part-time instructor in the Bachelor of Education program as well as a Course Director in Primary, Junior Mathematics and Intermediate Mathematics at York University. In August 2009 he served as Summer Institute Director and Presenter for the Regina Board of Education. He spoke to mathematics teachers for grades seven to ten on the topic "Teaching Mathematics in a Technological World."



**Rick Cunningham**, Coordinator Teacher Candidate Placements (University College) will be part of a province-wide writing team

for the Ontario College of Teachers with sessions starting October 30, 2009 and running through early 2010. The team will be working to develop a resource on effective practices focused on the practicum placement in initial teacher education.



**Dr. Brad Faught**, Associate Professor of History (University College), gave a keynote lecture at the Gladstone Centenary

International Conference at the University of Chester, U.K. in July. The lecture was entitled, "Gladstone as Imperial Man-on-the-Spot: The Ionian Islands Interlude, 1858-59."



**Paul Franks**, Lecturer of Philosophy (University College), delivered a paper, "Why A Believer Could Believe that God Answers Prayers" at the Midwest Regional Meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers in Shawnee, Oklahoma in April 2009. He also had the same paper accepted for publication in *Sophia: International Journal for Philosophy of Religion, Metaphysical Theology and Ethics*.



**Dr. Douglas Hayhoe**, Associate Professor of Education (University College), recently co-authored and consulted on a new series of

textbooks for Ontario schools called *Science & Technology Perspectives, Grade 7-8* (Nelson Education, 2009) and *Science Perspectives, Grade 9-10* (Nelson Education, 2010). For the skills handbook he wrote the grade 7 "Pure Substances and Mixtures" unit with his daughter and science writer Christy Hayhoe, and the grade 10 "Climate Change" unit with Christy and his other daughter Katharine Hayhoe, a climate scientist and Professor of Geosciences. This past year, he presented climate change workshops at teacher conferences sponsored by the Toronto District School Board and the Science Teacher's Association of Ontario. In May 2009, he graduated from Tyndale with an MDiv in Biblical Studies. He presented his thesis "Enabling Grace: Modeling the similarities and differences between Deuteronomy and John's Gospel," at the Tyndale Research Colloquium on October 8. He recently preached at Rexdale Alliance Church and Erindale

Bible Chapel, and presented a multimedia program, *The Wonders of the Sky*, at the Gravenhurst Men's Breakfast.



**Dr. Scott Masson**, Associate Professor of English (University College), in April took on the part-time role of Associate Pastor for College & Careers students at Westminster Chapel, a church plant in Toronto. Senior Pastor Joe Boot, started it up with the support of Steve Van Dyck, a recent Tyndale Seminary grad, late September 2008. Dr. Masson will be running the monthly evening service which meets the first Sunday of every month at 7 pm. He will also be involved in running an evangelism program with Joe Boot.



**Dr. Bradley Truman Noel**, Director of Pentecostal Studies (University College), was privileged to teach during the morning sessions of both Jr. High (June 29-July 3) and Sr. High (August 23-28) Youth Camp for the Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland and Labrador. The topic was "What does it mean to be a Pentecostal?" Dr. Noel also taught a session at the Fall Discipleship Conference of the PAONL in Lewisporte, NL, October 22-25, 2009.



**Dr. Daniel Wong**, Assistant Professor of Christian Ministries (University College), led a workshop on "The Future Development of Second Generation Ministry in Canada" for Chinese Presbyterian leaders on May 2 in Markham. On May 6 he spoke on "Second Generation Ministry" for the joint English Speaking Chinese Ministerial and Toronto Chinese Evangelical Ministerial Fellowship meeting. Dr. Wong was also part of the Asian North American Consultation held at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, IL, May 18-19. On June 13, he conducted a workshop on "Serving with Our God-Given Strengths" for the Canadian Baptist of Ontario and Quebec Annual Assembly in Toronto. On August 1 he was appointed Acting Director of Tyndale's Degree Completion Program.

# Finding New Truth

## An interview with Tyndale Business grad, Norm O'Hara

### What led you to study at Tyndale?

After high school I got a job with a financial services company in Toronto where I worked as a foreign exchange trader. My ultimate goal was to become as successful and as rich as I could, as quickly as I could. I often put in very long hours and worked extremely hard for the company. I soon learned that if I was willing to compromise my character a little and skirt around the edges of business ethics, I could become even more successful. But after several "successful" years at this, a series of events at work and in my personal life changed my entire outlook.

Thanks in large part to the inspiring example of my sister and brother-in-law (who were attending Tyndale at the time) I began to realize that I had become a Christian sell-out. I had gotten so caught up in the pursuit of what I thought was successful and worthwhile that I had settled for a career path that was



shallow, self-serving, and that lacked lasting value and purpose. I began to realize that a truly successful and significant career was one that was Christ-centred, done with integrity, that added value to society, and that had eternal significance.

With the encouragement of key mentors, I decided to leave my job. I began studying to become a pastor at Tyndale. I enrolled in the BRE program and worked my way through three excellent and life transforming years of study. When I finally finished my degree, however, I had very little desire to actually be a pastor.

It wasn't until one night when my wife and I were praying for just a glimpse of what we ought to do next that it came to me. Although much of what I had accomplished in my brief business life was really a disservice to the marketplace, I couldn't escape the fact that I loved the business world and thrived in a corporate setting. What if I could combine my interest and passion in business with my desire to live a truly significant, Kingdom-focused life? With this new revelation, I decided that the best way to really bring value to a business career would be to get formal business training.

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## New University Faculty

We have a number of new additions to our university faculty team. They come from different backgrounds but they are all excited about working with our students in this new academic year.



**Amanda Morgan Azarbehi** (PhD, University of New Brunswick) comes to Tyndale as Assistant Professor of Psychology, effective August 1, 2009. Dr. Azarbehi has a significant research background and has been able to access a number of grants. She will bring these grants with her to Tyndale. She is also a very fine teacher who will inspire students.



**Myles Leitch** (PhD, University of British Columbia) joins the University faculty as Assistant Professor of Linguistics, effective July 1, 2009. Dr. Leitch is a seasoned linguist who has served with Wycliffe Bible Translators as a translator, professor and administrator. He has taught previously at Faculté de Théologie Évangélique de l'Alliance Chrétienne, Trinity Western University, University of Buea, York University and has been a visiting scholar at University of Toronto. He is also an alumnus of Tyndale Seminary.



**Helen Noh** (PhD, Fuller Theological Seminary (School of Psychology), Pasadena, CA) came to Tyndale as Lecturer of Psychology, in August. Dr. Noh's area of specialization in both clinical practice and research is in the area of Marriage and Family Therapy. She completed her internship at Glen Roberts Child Study Center and Verdugo Mental Health, in Southern California. Her areas of research interest include Applied Psychology and Counselling, with an emphasis on Attachment Theory and Neuropsychology.



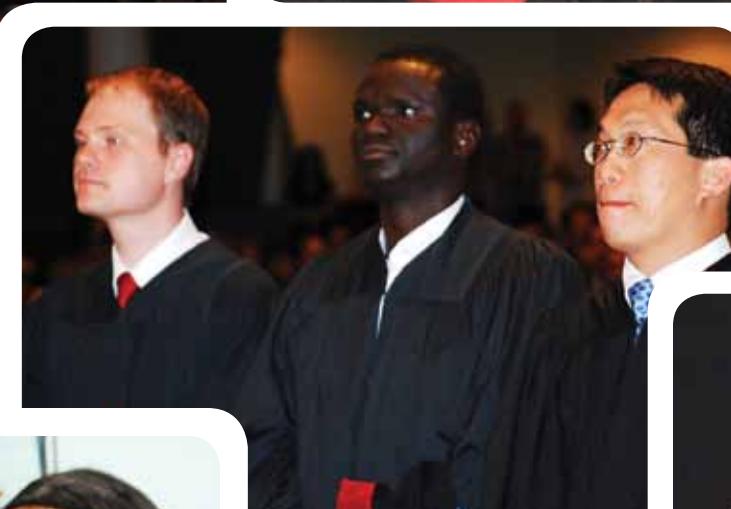
**Benjamin Reynolds** (PhD, University of Aberdeen, Scotland) came to Tyndale in August as our newest Assistant Professor of Religious Studies. Dr. Reynolds has lectured on Greek 1, 1 Peter, Gospel of John and Johannine Epistles and has been an instructor on The Life of Jesus. His doctoral thesis, defended in August 2007, was published as The Apocalyptic Son of Man in the Gospel of John (Mohr Siebeck: Tübingen, 2008). In the book, he argues that the background of the Johannine Son of Man can be traced to the "one like a Son of Man" from Daniel 7 and the Jewish apocalyptic interpretations of that figure. Dr. Reynolds has taught in the United States, Scotland and Ethiopia. In June this year he and his wife led three sessions on prayer at Lakeside Community Church's annual family camp.



**Sujin Yang** (MA and PhD, at Cornell University, USA) was appointed as Sessional Assistant Professor of Psychology in August. Dr. Yang received her degree in developmental psychology, and completed postdoctoral training at the National University of Singapore (Singapore), University of Toronto Scarborough (Canada) and York University (Canada). Her primary research concentrates on the study of bilingualism and language development in children and adults.



- ▲ Lorna Dueck, (front centre) enjoying the graduation ceremony.
- ◀ History graduate Katrina Carson being hooded by Dr. Richard Davis.
- ▼ President Emeritus William McRae (right) prays a prayer of blessing and thanksgiving for outgoing President Brian Stiller (left).

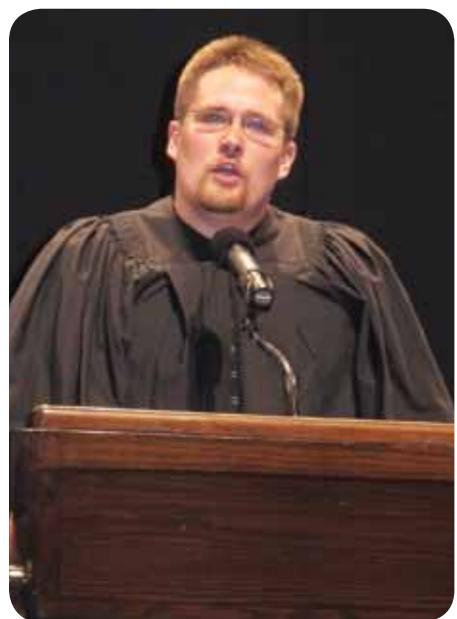


◀ Master of Theology grads (l-r) Chris Payk, Nouhoum Coulibaly and Peter Chu, wait for their turn to receive their degrees.



◀ (l-r) Rosalie Sioui, Hannah Chang and Carolyn Lawson pause for a photo before the graduation ceremony.

Ryan Tudor shares a special message with fellow graduates and attendees during his reflection as a university student. ▶



# Tyndale's Honorary Doctorate recipients inspire 2009 grads

## Choosing the right path

*"Tim Hearn is a man of character whose leadership is reflected by how he has invested the talents that God has given him to make a significant contribution to Tyndale, the Christian community and the global church."*

These were the words spoken by Steven Holmes, Chair of the Tyndale Board of Governors, in reference to Timothy Hearn, 2009 recipient of Tyndale's Honorary Doctorate.

Indeed Tim Hearn has made a significant contribution to the development of Tyndale via his work as chair of Tyndale's *Uncommon Ground Capital Campaign*, which thus far has raised \$40 million in cash and pledges towards a \$58 million goal. As well, he has served as chairman of the C.D. Howe Institute, is a member of the board of directors of the Royal Bank of Canada, and co-chairs a campaign for the University of Alberta. Since moving to Calgary, he and his wife Susan, have been much involved in the Calgary Homeless Foundation, which he chairs. They attend Centre Church, a growing and dynamic church in Calgary.

Even before this, Hearn was no stranger to leadership. Born in Saskatchewan, Hearn graduated from the University of Manitoba

and in 1967 joined Imperial Oil. For the next forty-one years, he would serve in various roles and nations.

In 1992 he was made worldwide vice president for Exxon Chemical, and from 1994 to 1997 was president of Exxon Chemical Asia Pacific, based in Singapore. From there, he was vice president of human resources of Exxon and in 2002 returned to Canada as chairman, president and CEO of Imperial Oil Limited.

Being in such demanding leadership roles has no doubt forced Hearn to make difficult and heavy decisions. During the May convocation he urged graduates to be willing to do the same.

"Do not succumb to the pressurized norms of political correctness," Hearn said. "Doing so might make life a little smoother in the short term. However, I would assert that if you



▲ Tim Hearn (second from right) and wife Susan Hearn pause for a photo with President Stiller (left) and Chancellor Jake Epp (right) after the awarding of the Honorary Doctorate.

choose this path it puts you on the slippery slope that fundamentally undermines your faith, your principles, your integrity, in essence, your foundations of life.

"I urge you then that you take what might be the more difficult path, but the right path. I can assure you that you will be at peace with yourself and with your Lord.

## Following after Christ

*"Every age needs those who model Saint Paul's exhortation: If any of you have encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus. Philippians 2: 1-5. My brother, you have modeled and continue to model and for that we are all grateful."*

These words, spoken by President Brian Stiller of 2009 Honorary Doctorate Recipient Reverend Andrew Wong, ring true as one looks at his life over the past forty years.

In 1968 Reverend Wong and his wife Linda founded the Toronto Chinese Baptist Church. Under his leadership, four other Chinese Baptist churches have been planted in southern Ontario at North Toronto (1974), Windsor (1975), Mississauga (1986), and Scarborough (1987). From these churches



▲ Andrew Wong (centre) being hooded by President Stiller (right) as his wife Linda Wong (left) looks on.

several others were built.

Wong's roots are in Hong Kong where he grew up. After graduating with a BTh from Alliance Bible Seminary in 1964, he went to Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) as a missionary pastor. He graduated with a BA from Nyack Missionary College (New York) in 1968, and earned an MDiv from Tyndale in 1981.

Besides his pastoral calling, Andrew served as chair of the Co-ordination Centre of World Evangelism (Eastern Canada),

coordinator for Canada East for the Chinese Baptist Fellowship, and board member of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada among other positons. Since the 1990s, Andrew and Linda have led short-term missions to Bolivia, Venezuela, and Panama, engaging in evangelism, teaching and training among the Chinese in these countries.

Though a creative and bold servant of Christ, Wong remains quiet and humble, never seeking the limelight. But within this quietness lies the wisdom that comes from working in ministry for and with Christ. He shared some of this with the Tyndale grads.

"Jonah may have been the most unworthy servant of the whole Bible. But yet when the Lord is at work, he can use unworthy persons to accomplish his work. And so today I am here standing before so many worthy servants of the Lord. Together let us carry the message of God's love that we may make a difference to the world by God's power."

—Rhonda Bowen is Alumni Coordinator at Tyndale.

# Doctor of Ministry opens to a full cohort

Tyndale's new Doctor of Ministry (DMin) program officially began on Monday, May 25, 2009 with a full inaugural cohort of 25 students. This diverse group represents 18 denominations and 12 countries of origin and reflects the cultural and religious landscape served by Tyndale.

The DMin program, through its focus on Christian leadership, will prepare these individuals to serve effectively in congregations, Christian organizations and marketplace contexts.

Teachers in the first unit include Earl Creps, author of *Off-Road Disciplines: Spiritual Adventures of Missional Leaders* and leadership assessment expert, Janyne Peeks. Guest teachers include Brian Stiller, Chancellor and immediate past President of Tyndale; and Roy Matheson, Professor Emeritus of New Testament at Tyndale Seminary and Theologian in Residence at Chartwell Baptist Church.

Teaching sessions will take place on campus twice a year for a total of three weeks each year for the three years. Candidates will



spend the balance of program time in research and project development, supported by coaches, librarians, and a customized web site.

Janet Clark, Academic Dean of the

◀ A special program dedication service on May 26 formed a part of the DMin's opening week activities.

Seminary, encouraged program participants to embrace the experience of the program and all that comes with it.

"In these next three years you are going to learn a lot," she said during the program dedication service on Tuesday May 26.

"Our prayer for you is that this will be a rich learning experience as you grow and develop in your ministry."

—Interested in Tyndale's DMin program? Attend an information session. Check the calendar on page 20 for the next session or email [visit@tyndale.ca](mailto:visit@tyndale.ca).

## Tyndale Student Places highly in US Competition

Undergraduate student Amy Gabriel, was awarded second place in an international student essay contest in July of this year. The competition was hosted by the Intercollegiate Studies Institute (ISI) through its Culture of Enterprise Initiative and focused on the topic "Can Character and Communities Survive in an Age of Globalization?" Gabriel's award-winning essay entitled, "Globalization: Two Alternative Visions," suggests that the question of whether character and community can survive in an age of globalization is dependent on the type of globalization existing. She then goes on to evaluate two theories of global unity: one based on global unity through the destruction of transcendent good and the communities that promote it, and the other based on unity via communities defined by faith, hope and love. Her essay was judged by a panel of distinguished scholars and beat out others from students at schools like Harvard University and Central Michigan University.

To those who know her, Gabriel's entry into the contest is no surprise. According to Associate Professor of English, Dr. Scott Masson, it seemed a natural fit.

"I know that Amy applied to the contest because the ISI is strongly connected with home schooling students, particularly those interested in the Great Books," he said, noting that Amy herself had been a home schooled student. "The Great Books encourage students to think broadly, deeply, and creatively, and obviously the challenges that globalization poses require that sort of thinking."

Gabriel returned in the fall for her final semester of her Bachelor of Arts program at Tyndale. She is pursuing an Honours degree in Philosophy and English.

—To read Amy's essay in full visit [www.tyndale.ca](http://www.tyndale.ca) and click on the link for this story at the bottom right of the page. You can also contact the Connection team directly for a copy.

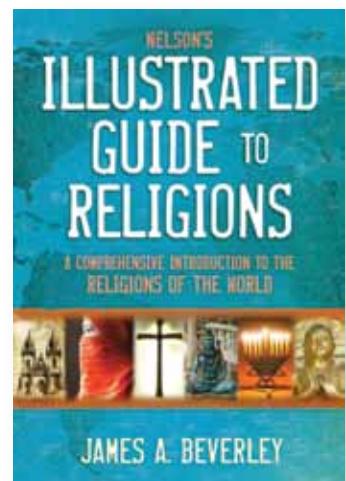
### Did you know?

Tyndale launched a new website on July 1, 2009. This new site integrates all the different parts of our Tyndale Community and in so doing better meets the needs of our alumni, students, faculty and visitors. As technology changes and more of your activities move to the web, our new website will make sure you have a system that meets your needs! Be sure to take a look at [www.tyndale.ca](http://www.tyndale.ca).

## Faculty book stands out

"Professor Beverley is one of the major Christian leaders in the study and analysis of new and world religions. His *Nelson's Illustrated Guide to Religions* is an important addition to any library."—Gary R. Habermas, Distinguished Research Professor, Liberty University.

This is one of several positive reviews given for *Nelson's Illustrated Guide to Religions*, the most recent publication of Dr. James Beverley, Professor of Christian Thought and Ethics at Tyndale Seminary. According to publisher Thomas Nelson, the book is a comprehensive introduction to the religions of the world analyzed from a Christian perspective. *Nelson's Illustrated Guide to Religions* covers more than 200 religions, sects, and cults, most of them ones the reader might encounter on any given day. It is the most complete and up-to-date Christian guide to world religions, highly useful for the student as well as the layperson.



—For more information or to purchase Nelson's Illustrated Guide to Religions visit [www.jimbeverley.com/illustratedreligions.html](http://www.jimbeverley.com/illustratedreligions.html). It is also available for purchase at the Tyndale Bookstore.

# Financial Planning from a Biblical Perspective

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**A**re you burdened by large student loans? Are you struggling to meet monthly payments for housing, transportation and credit card debts? Do you have a retirement plan? Do you know where to turn for the advice needed to restructure your finances so you can not only bear such restructuring, but also become a good steward of your resources?

Practicing a biblical perspective on money requires adjusting the way you do your spending, giving, saving and possessing. It can also begin a process that enables you to breathe freely again about your finances and give you a vision for how you can make a difference in the needs of the world.

Would you be interested in attending a financial planning seminar at our new campus or hosting a seminar at your church, men's or ladies' group, young adult class or any other gathering?

We would like to offer this service to local churches and communities by providing insights to financial planning matters that would provide the opportunity and challenge to become conscientious managers.

The program is transdenominational and therefore no doctrinal views will be shared. Each individual will be challenged with basic biblical

truths. These truths will establish new paradigms for individuals and families to follow regarding their finances. Often the greatest drawback for families experiencing financial difficulties is their lifestyle attitude. This seminar will address those attitudes and provide practical solutions to everyday situations.

We can customize the seminars to address topics relevant to each group – the most popular topics are in areas of debt management, estate planning, spending plans, etc.

We will provide materials to guide participants in a financial management process that will provide a better sense of security for the future.

Since this is a ministry that we offer, we believe there is a need for follow-up to be provided after the seminar. During the seminar many individuals feel excited and hopeful about the future but often find that once they get home

the process becomes overwhelming and they do nothing to change their situation. If this is the case, we are available to provide follow-up on an individual basis. Many need that one-on-one encounter to take such a broad presentation and make it personally relevant. It also provides the opportunity for open and honest communication on such a sensitive topic.

The development team, on behalf of The Tyndale Foundation, look forward to hearing of your interest and possible invitation to present a seminar. Please contact Erwin Van Laar, (VP, Development) at [evanlaar@tyndale.ca](mailto:evanlaar@tyndale.ca).

*“Without good advice everything goes wrong – it takes careful planning for things to go right.” Proverbs 15:22 CEV*

*—Erwin Van Laar is VP, Development at Tyndale. For more information on other programs and services offered through The Tyndale Foundation, visit [www.tyndale.ca/foundation](http://www.tyndale.ca/foundation) or email [foundation@tyndale.ca](mailto:foundation@tyndale.ca).*

## Finding New Truth

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### *Tell us about your most memorable classes or professors?*

The first was Business Ethics taught by Professor Alpenberg. This was the first class where I really grappled with the concept of BAM (Business as Mission) and what it really means to incorporate Christian ethics in the marketplace.

The second was Business and Environment taught by Professor Hennings. This course introduced me to the concept of using the power of business to solve social and environmental problems. These issues have become trendy in the business world recently, but in reality, they ought to be foundational components for any Christian in the marketplace.

The final class was Business Development, taught by Professor Alpenberg and Steven Holmes, Chair of the Tyndale Board of Governors. This was the most “hands on” course I took and I had the chance to interact with and test a potential business opportunity, learn from industry experts like patent lawyers and venture capitalists, and create and test possible future venture ideas with successful entrepreneurs.



### *How did your degree prepare you for your career?*

I learned many key elements of business ranging from marketing and management to accounting and operations.

I also gained a greater understanding of what it means to fuse my faith with my vocation. There is unlimited potential for men and women who are driven to build companies that are Christ centred, socially responsible, value-adding, and holistically integrated. These were lessons that I believe only a school like Tyndale could teach.

Lastly, I gained personal tools from the business leaders, management experts, and companies that we studied that I've incorporated into the way I think and act. This included kaizen, which is the Japanese concept of continuous improvement often found in business but highly useful in my personal life too.

### *Where are you working now and what “tools” from Tyndale are you using in your career?*

An additional reason why my Business Development class was so memorable was because through it I was able to get a job at Steven's company, Springfree Trampoline, where I currently work as the Product Manager. This is a great learning opportunity for me because my position overlaps with so many of the key areas of the business. I'm

extremely grateful for this position because not only does it allow me to put into practice a number of the tools and skills I learned at Tyndale but also because I'm learning from someone who has been integrating faith and business for years. The position also allows for significant interaction with offices around the world, including the area where my wife and I eventually hope to do business as missions.

### *Any advice for fellow alumni and current students?*

I believe that when it comes to living a life of significance and purpose, we need to be constantly monitoring our personal walk with the Lord, including our character, principles, and values; our professional conduct with others, the way we live and influence people and our Kingdom accomplishments — how we use our gifts to improve the world.

I am convinced that the business sphere has the greatest untapped capacity to move the Kingdom of God forward in truly remarkable and creative ways. The potential of men and women of godly character and principles, working, managing, and innovating in businesses around the world in such a way that truly influences the marketplace is unlimited.

*—For more information on Tyndale's Business Administration program visit [www.tyndale.ca/go/business](http://www.tyndale.ca/go/business).*

# A Message from the Director of Alumni

While attending the Willow Creek Leadership Summit this year I had the privilege of hearing CNN commentator, author, and former presidential advisor David Gergen speak about leadership. In his book *Eyewitness to Power*, Gergen writes that one of the key lessons of leadership is to surround oneself with a strong team. Not only is this lesson practical, it is also biblical. The apostle Paul provides us with a beautiful example of team in Galatians 2 as he takes Barnabas and Titus with him to Jerusalem. We see a strong team around him for all of his missionary journeys and in the churches he establishes.

Some key components of a strong team for Paul and for us are: a common purpose, diversity, a continuous connection with God, and an unwavering sense of hope. What team do you have with you on your journey? This team could be your church leadership board, your family, your mission team, or your co-workers in your organization. I want to



assure you that I have a strong Alumni Leadership Team that is also a leadership team for you, as a graduate of Tyndale. I anticipate that together we will grow a strong and vibrant

Alumni Association. My prayer for you is that, as a leader and a graduate of Tyndale, you too will have a strong team for the missionary journey that is your life and ministry.

## THE MEMBERS OF YOUR ALUMNI LEADERSHIP TEAM ARE:

**Julia Bourne** – [julia.bourne@mtsallstream.com](mailto:julia.bourne@mtsallstream.com) Julia is a graduate from the seminary and works for MTS Allstream. She is a theologically trained lay-person who is passionate about marketplace ministry.

**Josh Samuel** – [jpssamuel@yahoo.com](mailto:jpssamuel@yahoo.com) Josh is a graduate of the seminary and is currently pursuing his PhD in Theology at McMaster Divinity College in Hamilton, Ontario. Josh also sits on Tyndale's Board of Governors.

**Rev. Ted Tham** – [tedtham@ntcbc.org](mailto:tedtham@ntcbc.org) Ted is a graduate from the seminary and head of English Ministry at North Toronto Chinese Baptist Church. He is also involved in the leadership of the ESCM ministry and Project Contempo here in Toronto.

**John Steadman** – [aliferooted@gmail.com](mailto:aliferooted@gmail.com) John is a graduate of both the college and the seminary and pastor of Richvale Bible Chapel in Richmond Hill, Ontario.

**Patricia (Pat) Irwin** – [pirwin@sympatico.ca](mailto:pirwin@sympatico.ca) Pat is a graduate of London Bible Institute and Theological Seminary which is a rich part of our Tyndale history. She served for many years as a missionary with SIM, working in education in Benin and Niger. She now volunteers at the SIM Canada office.

**Allan Marriage** – [amarriage@tyndale.ca](mailto:amarriage@tyndale.ca)

Allan is Alumni Director at Tyndale and graduate of the Seminary.

## Tyndale Alumni Barbeque 2009

I am so happy that I attended the Alumni Barbeque in August. The food was great, the message of Dr. Roy Matheson was like a breath of fresh air, and I was so happy to see and chat with Bill Hirons of Evangelism Explosion (EE). It has been a long time since I graduated from EE at People's Church. Back then Bill Hirons was the person in charge of the clinic. I am looking forward to next year's Alumni BBQ. I hope to see some new and old fellow students and teachers then too.

—Ben Mapa MTS 1999 is Associate Pastor of Community Alliance Church and President of Association of Filipino Pastors in Canada (AFPC).



▲ Dr. Matheson BTh 1957 and professor Emeritus, New Testament, Tyndale Seminary was the keynote speaker for the worship session at the barbecue.



▲ Seminary grad Rev. Lee Wong MDiv 2004 chats with a couple of fellow alums at the barbecue.



▲ Long-time grads (l-r) Shirley Brush MTS 1987, David Bell BTh 1954 and his wife Joan Bell Dipl 1953 spend a moment together at the barbecue.



◀ Everyone agreed that the food was excellent – but it went fast!

Want a copy of Dr. Matheson's address from the Barbeque? Send your request to [alumni@tyndale.ca](mailto:alumni@tyndale.ca).

# Alumnus receives Word Guild award

Earlier this year Tyndale alumnus D.S. (Don) Martin was honoured at The Word Guild Canadian Christian Writing Awards 2009 for his book *Poema* (Wipf & Stock 2008). *Poema*, a collection of poems, tied for first place in the Book-Special category of the awards.

**E**ven prior to this recognition there has been much praise for Martin's collection. Maxine Hancock, author and professor at Regent College, Vancouver said, "D.S. Martin is emerging as a 'poet's poet' — this is a fine collection, with one poem after another deeply satisfying in its crafting and in its vision."

The collection has also been described as "skillful" and "probing" by Luci Shaw, author of *What The Light Was Like*. "Each of these poems makes you want to descend to its heart and discover the precious metal there," she said. "D.S. Martin knows how to evoke the mystery that lies beneath the relationships we have with ourselves, each other, and God."



This is not Martin's first foray into the world of publishing. His poetry chapbook *So The Moon Would Not Be Swallowed* (Rubicon

◀ D.S. Martin

Press) was published in March 2007 and is about his grandparents who were missionaries to China from 1923 to 1951. In June 2008 *So The Moon Would Not Be Swallowed* received an Award of Merit from The Word Guild.

Martin completed a one-year program at Ontario Bible College from 1977-78. He has since then returned by invitation to do readings of his work.

—For more information on Martin's work or to purchase any of his poetry visit [www.dsmartin.ca](http://www.dsmartin.ca).

## Recognizing our outstanding alumni

**T**yndale's Distinguished Alumni Award is meant to honor a Tyndale graduate who has gone on to become a Christian leader of influence, whose life is marked by intellectual maturity, spiritual vigor and moral integrity, and whose witness faithfully engages the culture with the gospel. At this year's graduation, the Tyndale alumni association was pleased to give this award to two outstanding members of our alumni family — one a Seminary graduate, and the other a graduate of Toronto Bible College.



▲ Dean of the Seminary, Janet Clark (right) presents distinguished alumni award to Mark Petersen (left)

### MARK PETERSEN, MDiv 1991 – 2009 Seminary Distinguished Alumnus

Mark Petersen graduated from Tyndale Seminary with a Master of Divinity in 1991. After leaving Tyndale, Mark and his wife Karen spent nine years working with non-profit organizations to grow leadership in church communities across the world. He served in places such as the US, Costa Rica, the Philippines and Columbia.

In November 2000, Mark joined the Bridgeway Foundation, a private grant-making organization. There, he has served as Executive

Director, working with over 70 Christian and secular organizations to support numerous groundbreaking projects, including Yonge Street Mission, Listen Up TV, Cambridge Memorial Hospital, World Vision, YMCA, Community Justice Initiatives and Tyndale University College & Seminary.

Mark is no stranger to alumni and many of you came to know him in 2007 and 2008 when he served as President of the Tyndale Alumni Association. Mark's philanthropic leadership is marked by moral integrity, transparent accountability, public witness and unwavering commitment to a missional engagement of society for the sake of Christ. He continues to work with Bridgeway and lives in Mississauga with Karen and their two teenage sons, Daniel and Nathan.

### EDWARD TORJESSEN, Undergraduate Degree, TBC 1947 – 2009 University College Distinguished Alumnus

Edvard Torjesen grew up in Shanxi, a province in North Central China. After World War II, he came to Canada and studied at Toronto Bible College (TBC), graduating with an undergraduate degree in 1947.

After TBC he served as a missionary in Asia. He became a language expert and worked on translating scripture into Taiwanese and Mongolian dialects. He also published *Fredrik Franson: A Model for Worldwide Evangelism* (Pasadena: William Carey Library, 1983).

In 1990 Edvard and his family returned to Shanxi for the unveiling of a monument to his father, Norwegian evangelist Peter Torjesen, and ended up founding the Colorado-based Shanxi Evergreen Service. Evergreen is a non-profit humanitarian group aimed at assisting Shanxi and other Chinese Provinces by



▲ Finn Torjesen (left) accepts Distinguished Alumni award on behalf of his father Edvard Torjesen who could not be at the Graduation ceremony. The award was presented by the Academic Dean for the University College, Dan Scott (right).

developing public benefit services for the common people. Edvard served as Executive Director of Evergreen for several years.

After a distinguished career, Edvard retired to Shanxi, Taiyuan. Although suffering from Alzheimer's, he is happy in his home, and still maintains the aura of one connected to Christ. His son, Finn Torjesen, serves Shanxi Evergreen Service as Executive Director, thus continuing the family's involvement with the ministry.

—Rhonda Bowen is Alumni Coordinator at Tyndale.

### Did you know?

The distinguished alumni award was initiated in 1996 by the Maranatha Foundation under the leadership of Miller Alloway. Tyndale would like to thank Maranatha for their support towards our alumni.

# Alumni Updates

## 1940s

**Loren Gast, 1949**, student of the London Bible Institute and former staff member of Tyndale, passed away in January 2008. In 1949, Loren attended the London Bible Institute. After six months it became necessary for him to return to the farm to assist his father. Loren always said that those few months at LBI prepared him specifically for many years of Sunday School teaching. He encouraged his sons to attend the college of their choice. Two sons and a grandson are all graduates of Tyndale —Roger from the seminary, David from LCBM, and Rob from the university. David also spent eight years on the music faculty.

In 1973 Loren joined the Tyndale staff as the building superintendent, and his wife Jean served as receptionist. They assisted in the move from Spadina to the Bayview campus, where Loren continued until he retired in 1981. At the beginning of each day, he would lead his work team in a short devotional and prayer. He always said that they were the best years of his life, as he served the Lord. Lifetime friendships were made with many staff and students. Loren's wife Jean passed away in July 2008. They will both be missed by friends and family.

## 1950s

**Gordon Gray and Mary (Locke) Gray, Special Evening Course in 1952**, recently sold their house in Brampton, where they have been living for the past 37 years, and moved in July into Holland Christian Homes, a retirement community where they anticipate many new opportunities for serving the Lord among new friends. They continue to serve as volunteers with OMF in Mississauga. You may contact them at [ggray@me.com](mailto:ggray@me.com).

**Annette Crerar 1956 (LBI)** has had the privilege of serving as pastor of a home church for the past three years. She and her family are ministering to the seniors of their community. Many of them have never gone to church or have not attended for years. She has seen many come to know the Lord as their Lord and Savior and followed Him in baptism. "It is so exciting mentoring new believers!"

**David Henne Undergrad 1958 and Marilyn Henne BTh 1962** recently retired from Wycliffe Bible Translators after 46 years of service in Guatemala, Canada (Calgary) and the international headquarters in Dallas, TX. During their time in Guatemala they worked in Bible translation, literacy, administration and training Mayan writers. The Maya K'iche now have the whole Bible.

## 1960s

**Shirley Funnell Undergrad 1960** has now been in Canada for three years after almost 40 years working in the Philippines with the Summer Institute of Linguistics, sister organization of Wycliffe Bible Translators. She is now at the Canada Institute of Linguistics (CanIL) at Trinity Western University in Langley, BC. She serves as Assistant to the Personnel Director and also part time in the Development office. CanIL is Wycliffe Canada's training arm, preparing young people for Bible translation, literacy and related ministries.

**Rev. A. Barry Jones BTh 1964**, and wife **Christine A. Jones Diploma of Missions 1963**, served the Lord at the Carlsbad Community Church for 28 years, retiring in 2001. Since 'retirement' Barry has begun the Morning Star Institute which is a mission to missionaries and pastors. Their work is in Micronesia, Saipan and Guam, Russia, Bulgaria, Ukraine, Macedonia, and other Eastern European countries. They hold training classes for pastors in third world countries and support and encourage in any way they can, (financially, teaching, preaching, work teams etc.) They are affiliated with the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference (CCCC) of which Barry has served as President several times throughout the years. (Rev. Doug Percy was one of their number.) Also they are affiliated with the World Evangelical Congregational Fellowship, of which Barry is president at the moment. This is the international body representing about 16 nations including the UK., Australia, Brazil and Canada and has been ministering for 27 years. They also have a small group of the CCCC in Canada that is growing. Christine was a teacher and later the principal of a small Christian High School in Carlsbad. She is a Bible Study teacher, has written several books and volunteers at their church. She has traveled with Barry on occasion, but now keeps the home fires burning. They are still in contact with several other grads of their years at TBC.

## 1970s

**Louise Ferriss BTh 1974** retired in January 2006 after 31 years as a social worker for the Alberta government, but has been back to work twice since then to provide cover-off. She volunteers on the landscaping committee at her condo development and at her church as a teller and leader of a small group. She enjoys travelling in North America and overseas and keeping in touch with friends and family.

**Peter Burritt BTh 1976, and MDiv 1987** presently is working in the networking and accounting fields. However, he is attempting to start a deaf charity in Peel where there is no group, and no church for the deaf. There are a number of ministries, but the need is great and he expects to get out and get preaching in various churches when the group, Hands for God Inc., becomes official. He is married to wife Marion. They have a son, Jonathan, daughter Sarah and grandsons James and Michael.

**Connie Smith BRE 1979** sends this message, "Dear Friends, good to be in touch with Tyndale again. Such good years there that prepared me for life in a very special way. Anyone from Class of 79 or other years, I am glad to be in touch with. I am living with my husband Kavunga and my 10 step-kids and three step-grandchildren in Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo and God is faithful. Yours, Connie."

## 1980s

**David E. Graves BTh 1980** is the Director of Computer services and part-time Religious Studies Faculty since 1997 at Atlantic Baptist University as well as adjunct faculty at both Trinity Southwest University and Liberty University Online. In May 2008 David completed his PhD at the University of Aberdeen in Theology under I. Howard Marshall, Jamie Grant and Alistair Wilson. His dissertation "The Influence of Ancient Near Eastern Vassal Treaties on the Seven Prophetic Messages in Revelation with Special Reference to the Message to Smyrna" has just been accepted for publication with Gorgias Press. He sits on the Board of Directors for the Near East Archaeological Society and field supervisor of the Roman ruins at the Tall el-Hammam excavations in Jordan. He is also a member of the ArclImaging team as the Director of Operations for the Mount Ararat Archaeological Research Expedition, Turkey.

**David Low BTh 1980**, from St. Catharines, ON is presently working as the Office Administrator at Queen St. Baptist Church and volunteering as youth ministry coordinator. He would love to hear from anyone else in his class.

**Niccolo Wong BRE 1980** (commonly known as Nick Wong) since graduation has established three Chinese churches consecutively in the GTA. He took an early retirement in 2000. Since then he has served the Lord as the chairperson of an organization called Christian Aid and Relational Evangelism Inc. (C.A.R.E. Inc.) which he and his wife established in 1990. This organization ministers in the following ways: prison visitation and chapel services for inmates; regular visits to patients in different geriatric institutions in Toronto; rehab programs for compulsive gamblers; ministry and service to the vision impaired; ministry to prostitutes. Their ministry reaches particularly toward the Chinese and other Chinese descendants from southeastern Asia. Niccolo asks alumni to support this ministry with prayers.

**Katherine Tapley-Milton MTS 1981** has worked as a freelance writer since graduation. She recently published a 380 page devotional book titled *Daily Meditations for Cat Lovers*. She says this book will make you think about subjects that the church seldom mentions and will take you to the next level of spirituality. There is a devotional for each day of the year. The book can be purchased at [www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com). You can download the book or get the hard copy.

**Ron Unruh MDiv 1981** came to Toronto from London College of Bible and Missions to graduate with a BTh from the brand new merged school Ontario Bible College in 1969. He began the MDiv program part-time in 1975 and graduated in 1981 from the seminary. He followed that later with a DMin from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He pastored four churches: two Associated Gospel Churches and two within the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptists of Canada. He then served six years as President of the Evangelical Free Church of Canada. He retired in July 2008. He is now a visual artist and author and an occasional preacher in British Columbia. He was recognized as Distinguished Alumnus of the year in 2006.

**Rev. Michael G. Krause MDiv 1985** graduated in May from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary in Boston with a Doctor of Ministry degree. The theme of his thesis was Spiritual Renewal in the Postmodern World, and the title was: "The End of the World as We Know It: Alternative Models of Church for the

21st Century." He and his wife, Brigitte (Weidelich) Krause, Bachelor of Music & Christian Education 1983, continue to be affiliated with the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada and are currently in their 10th year of pastoring Hills Church, a house church in Thornhill.

**Doris (Perrin) Grigorian BRE 1984** presently works for the Community Care Access Centre for Waterloo/Wellington Region. She is a Team Assistant whose primary responsibilities are to ensure that clients receive needed care within their own homes following a stay in hospital, post surgery or other health concerns. Her clients include people of all ages from all across SW Ontario. As one of many clerical support workers within the CCAC her job is to make sure that client's charts, pertinent health data, and current health status are communicated to the many in-home providers who actually care for the clients. Outside of work she is involved with her husband and son who has just turned 11 years old. While not actively involved in full-time ministry now, she and her husband have served in Russia with European Christian Mission and continue to be a part of this organization. Her husband, who is Russian, returns usually yearly to minister to youth, orphans, and within the local church in southern Russia for a few weeks during the summer. They presently reside in Kitchener, Ontario.

## 1990s

**Peter Bergs BTh 1990** and his wife Darlene (Quant) Bergs BRE 1989 are finishing their 16th year with New Horizons Ministries, headquartered in Marion, Indiana. They spend summers at their camp for troubled teens, located in Missanabie, Ontario. This is Peter's eighth summer as director of the camp. Camp is a second home for their four children as well.

**Stephen Heemskerk MTS 1991, MDiv 2001** sends this message: "I have just come back from six and a half months of circumnavigating the globe with the HMCS Protecteur. Our Canadian naval ship protected the water ways of the Persian Gulf and in so doing protected our troops in Afghanistan. I am an Air Force Chaplain in the Canadian Armed Forces with the rank of Captain. I am the first regular force Chaplain loaned out from my denomination, the Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada, eight years ago. In the 1990's the Chaplain branch opened the doors to Evangelical pastors and today we have approximately 18 Chaplains from various Evangelical denominations. The door to ministering in the Canadian Forces is opened and the Chaplain branch are looking for recruits.

The Lord might be speaking to you to consider this ministry. Pray and seek the Lord; the Chaplain Branch needs Evangelical Christian ministers and Tyndale, MDiv graduates may find the very ministry they are looking for! Thanks Tyndale for giving me the education I needed to be part of a most incredible ministry. I never thought I would be speaking to so many diplomats across the world and ministering to soldiers and sailors everyday right at their work place. Several have accepted the Lord and I pray many more will come to know the love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."



**Donald Shields BRE 1991, MTS 1994** has been working as Coordinator of Spiritual & Religious Care at the Markham Stouffville Hospital for 10 years. He went on to do his CPE training at Scarborough Grace Hospital and St. Michael's Hospital. He has his certification as a Specialist in Pastoral Care with the Canadian Association of Pastoral Care and Education (CAPPE) since 2001. He was ordained as an Anglican Priest with the Diocese of Toronto on April 26th, 2009, and he also serves as Assistant Curate at Grace Church, Markham. He is currently a DMin candidate at St. Stephen's College, University of Alberta, Edmonton. Visit his blog <http://e-shields.blogspot.com/>.

**Jeff Loach MDiv 1992** is Pastor of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Nobleton, ON. Jeff praises God for the healing given to his soul that has brought back his desire to pastor a local church after a time in parachurch ministry. Jeff's wife, Diana, enjoys her service to the Lord as a children's pastor in Toronto and as a national church consultant for David C. Cook Ministries Canada. Ever the student, Jeff is returning to Tyndale on a (very) part-time basis to engage in the ThM program in spiritual theology. You can find Jeff on Facebook and Twitter, and his blog is at [www.passionatelyhis.com/](http://www.passionatelyhis.com/).

**David Zielonko MDiv 1992 (Counselling)** has been living with his family — wife Lea Anne and daughters Katya and Hannah

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— in wonderful Muskoka for eight years since moving from Cobourg. He has a busy practice as a Registered Marriage and Family Therapist in Huntsville. They are involved in Church Muskoka Style (C&MA) and hope you'll mention them to "seekers."

**Paul Pryce BRE 1993** was recently appointed Executive Director of Deer Lake Camp and Conference Centre (Camp Kakeka Inc.) Paul graduated from Tyndale with a camping major.

**Cliff & Karen (DeWitt) Williams BRE 1993** as a family are currently based in Mount Eliza, Australia on the Mornington Peninsula. Cliff is on an exchange and is the Vice Principal of a small school in Somerville. Their children Keegan, 11 years-old, and Calia, eight years-old, are enjoying attending their local neighborhood school in Mount Eliza and are starting to understand the accents of the students and staff around. Karen is at home with their youngest child Kira (four years-old) enjoying playgroups and frequent trips to the beach. Tours around Australia occupy the weekends and holidays. They are returning to Canada in the Christmas holidays of 2009.

**Gary and Beverly (McDonald) Burke BRE 1994** are the proud adoptive parents of two precious boys - Joshua, four years-old, and Zachariah, two year-old. They have been with them since April 2009 and everyone seems to be adjusting well. Gary is the lead pastor of the Linden MB Church in Alberta. They enjoy living in Linden – which to them is the centre of the universe. They are blessed and excited about what our awesome God is doing and has done.

**Valieree Brecht MDiv 1994** sends this message, "I am currently working as a full-time chaplain at The Village of Taunton Mills in Whitby ON. It has been awhile since I have connected with any of the alumni from my time. I have wondered what had happened to them. I have been ill and am now only able to actually connect with others again. God is good and has provided for my needs and kept me working. I have been here for six years and enjoy my work. It is both a long-term care and a retirement home. It would be great to connect with others. (To connect directly with Valeria via email please contact the alumni office at [alumni@tyndale.ca](mailto:alumni@tyndale.ca).)

**Joy (Wood) Wilson BRE 1995** and her husband Steve welcomed their second daughter, Ariana Joy Sloan Wilson, on January 4, 2009. Joy serves as a Systems Manager for the Central District of Christian Horizons. The family lives in Barrie, ON.

**Ron Dyer BRS 1996** is going into his 5th year as High School Youth Pastor at Cedarview Community Church in Newmarket, ON in a part-time position, and full time at Hewlett-Packard as

a Practice Principal. He recently became a first time grandfather with the birth of Claire Elizabeth Dyer, born May 14th, 2009. He was ordained June 1, 2007.

**Laurie-Ann (Zachar) Copple MDiv 1999** has been on many short-term missions since graduation—mostly in Kenya and Pakistan—and she hopes to go to Sierra Leone in 2010. She works for Anglican Renewal Ministries of Canada as secretary-bookkeeper and as bookkeeper of the Anglican Gathering of Ottawa. She and her husband Tony are Alpha Course advisors, and run Alpha in Ottawa Carleton Detention Centre, pubs, community centres, homes and churches. They are also both radio hosts on CKCU 93.1 FM's folk show Window of Opportunity, and Christian music show Over My Head. Her home page is <http://web.ncf.ca/eh202/>.

## 2000 and onward

**Louise Vroom MTS 2000** has spent the last six years teaching English and Christian Character at Handong Global University, a Christian university in Pohang, South Korea. She says, "It's been a wonderful opportunity to disciple many mission-bound Korean young people who have access to nations in the 10-40 window that most Westerners do not have. There has also been ample opportunity to minister to students from developing nations like Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, and Mongolia who study here. My time here is coming to a close this summer as I will be back in Toronto permanently to support my family in new directions."

**Bruce Sticklee BRE 2001** graduated from the Degree Completion Program and was ordained at Bethel Community Church in Barrie in September 2001 before turning 60 in October that year. He really enjoys his calling and has a great pastoral team working alongside him. He says he is not going to retire.

**Albert Wai MTS 2001** says "God's grace is forever sufficient [Ps. 23:5; II Cor. 12:9]. Emigrating out of Hong Kong in 1982 with Daisy and daughter Ada, we thank the Lord for the three later additions to our family. This year, we are celebrating our 30th wedding anniversary. Our children and their spouses took us out for a nice dinner at a small but romantic French restaurant in Richmond Hill where we live. To top it up, the Lord arranged it such that Daisy and I have a 'dream car turned reality', allowing our family to re-live our romantic engagement in 1976 in 'Back to the Future' fashion. Write to [AlbertW@SendCanada.org](mailto:AlbertW@SendCanada.org) for details."

**Andrew and Sarah (Sampson) Thompson BA 2006** graduated from Tyndale in 2006 with majors in Religious Studies. Since then both have completed a BTh with McGill University and are in the process of completing their

final year of the MDiv degree with the Presbyterian College in Montreal. They also welcomed the birth of their first child at the end of August.

**Rev. Luke Vanderkamp MDiv 2006** is currently pastoring a Presbyterian congregation in Pincourt, Quebec, which is an area in desperate need of hearing about Jesus Christ. He gives credit to Tyndale for preparing him intellectually and spiritually for the task. Recently, he and his wife, Tara welcomed their fourth daughter in a way that showed the gracious and mighty hand of God.

**Carl Chu MDiv 2007** finished his studies with a Scholastic Recognition Award from the North American Professors of Christian Education (NAPCE). Upon his graduation, he remained at Tyndale and served the Foundation Office as the Development Officer until 2008. He is now the Director, Donor Programs at Yonge Street Mission. For over 113 years, Yonge Street Mission has been meeting the needs of people living in poverty in downtown Toronto. The Mission is currently engaged in a 10-year period of growth to expand its programs to underserviced suburban areas of poverty.

**Rudy Eigenheer MDiv 2008** his wife Sarah, and daughter, Danae, took a big step and moved to Rudy's old home country, Switzerland, in July of 2008. Sarah (nee Gibson), is a former employee of Tyndale (front desk coordinator until June 2004). Once in Switzerland, they settled in quickly. Sarah visited an intensive German language school for a month. Rudy was able to secure a job as a psychologist, working with behaviorally challenging teenagers. In April 2009, they were blessed to welcome their "Swiss-made" newborn son, André Michael into the family. Sarah and Rudy attend a fantastic church in a nearby city (they have simultaneous sermon translations into English, which Sarah especially appreciates). They will likely be staying in Switzerland more permanently, so visitors are welcome.

**Michael Wodlinger MTS 2008** sends this message "What a wonderful road on which our Lord has placed my wife Chantal and I. After graduation from Tyndale Seminary, we received our call to move to Winnipeg, to continue God's ministry to the Jewish people. And how He has gone before us! We have been truly blessed with His provisioning, His support and His encouragement. Unfortunately, my people in Winnipeg have been evangelized 'to death', as most have rejected the many attempts, none too subtle, to bring them to faith. Our task, then, is to bring them love and a sensitive approach to sharing the Gospel of Yeshua HaMoshiah (Christ Jesus). We ask for your prayers in this initial three-year service. From time-to-time I will share events and the impacts of God's working amongst His people in the Prairie Provinces."

# Marketplace Ministry

**W**hen the Alumni Leadership Team was first publicized, I received a congratulatory e-mail from a fellow alumnus. This person expressed a passion for marketplace ministry, specifically Bible study. I had a different perspective based on my own experience. This triggered the question – *What is marketplace ministry?*

A quick poll among my Christian friends revealed either a restatement, “ministering in the marketplace” or another question “what exactly does the ‘marketplace ministry’ really mean”.

In the New Testament the word “minister” or “ministering” is translated from the Greek word *diakonia* meaning service or ministry. When we “minister” the focus is on loving action on behalf of another. We model ourselves on Jesus Christ who “did not come to be served, but to serve ...” (Mark 10:45). In serving others we serve Christ. In the context of the workplace, service also assumes a missional element to it.

However this is merely framework. For me marketplace ministry is about serving towards three end results:



- my own integration of faith and praxis to serve effectively
- helping other believers to effectively integrate their faith with how they carry themselves in the workplace
- testifying to the gospel of Jesus Christ through my interaction with others.

How we reach these end results will depend on the type of work environment in which we find ourselves.

Most of my working life has been spent in the fast-paced and demanding

telecommunications industry. Holding regular Bible studies is difficult due to people’s changing work schedules. Consequently, I have been challenged to sharpen my relational skills so as to be prepared when one-on-one opportunities come my way. I have had conversations about faith and its reflection in ethical behavior; spoken words of comfort; and prayed for individuals with difficult personal situations. Understanding your environment will help you determine effective ways to minister.

As teaching is one of my spiritual gifts my real passion is helping believers to understand and practically apply the word of God. As a result I have led Bible studies and seminars as well as done one-on-one mentoring.

Every believer in the marketplace is a minister, serving towards any of the three end results mentioned above. Exactly how you proceed depends on the context of your work environment and the gifts that God has given to you.

—Julia Bourne MDiv 2005 is a member of the Alumni Leadership Team.

## Growing in Leadership Confidence – A Leadership Development Workshop for Women

**Saturday November 28, 2009**  
**Tyndale University College & Seminary**  
**9:00am – 4:00pm Investment: \$25**

This event, facilitated by NextLEVEL Leadership, will cover topics such as mentoring, leadership styles and strengths of women, conflict management, managing change and building a team. At this interactive event you will receive the tools to help you be a more confident and effective leader in any area you have been called to serve.

NextLEVEL Leadership was launched in 2001. Since then they have equipped many women, including a number of our alumni, to lead wherever they have been called.

**“This is the first educational community that I’ve joined that authentically recognizes and offers tangible solutions to the challenges of women in leadership – whether in church, education or business.”**

—SANDRA BROADUS, MDIV 2001

The Growing in Leadership Confidence event will be led by **Ellen Duffield**, Senior Elder, Georgian Bay Community Church, **Sandy Reynolds**, Consulting Partner for Leadership On Purpose and **Lynn Smith**, author, speaker and past Dean of Students at Tyndale. They all have many years of experience leading and training women in leadership.

To find out how you can register to attend this amazing event please contact the Tyndale Alumni Office at 416.226.6380 ext 2107, or email us at [alumni@tyndale.ca](mailto:alumni@tyndale.ca).



## CLASS OF 1960: GET READY!

**Your Golden Milers 50th anniversary reunion will take place here at Tyndale in April 2010.**

To commemorate this special occasion, we are making a keepsake full of all your memories, photos and letters. Please send us a note of encouragement or testimony of your experience over the years which you would like to share with your former classmates. These will be compiled together and issued to each member of the class at the reunion. You may also include a current photo with your testimony as well as photos from your school days.

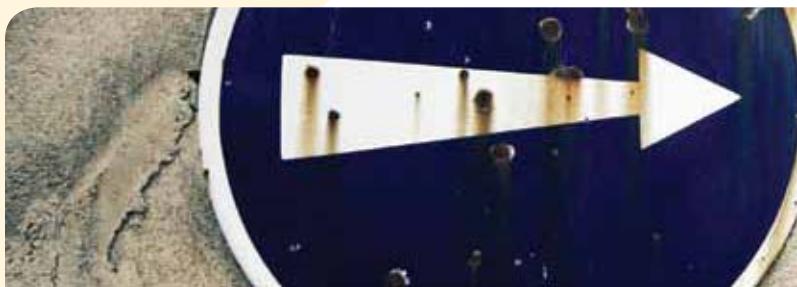
*Please mail your items to:*

**Tyndale Alumni Office**

25 BallyConnor Court, Toronto ON M2M 4B3

For more information contact Rhonda Bowen (Alumni Coordinator) at 416.226.6380 ext 2107 or [alumni@tyndale.ca](mailto:alumni@tyndale.ca)

**We can't wait to hear from you!**



# Tyndale Events

## November

### OPEN HOUSE (University & Seminary)

Saturday, November 14, 2009. Contact Hillary Veley, Campus Host at 416.226.6380 ext 2150 or visit@tyndale.ca for more information.

### FREE METHODIST INFORMATION EVENT

Thursday, November 19, 2009, 12 noon – 1:00pm. Tyndale University College & Seminary, Room 1003

### DEPRESSION AND THOUGHTS OF SUICIDE: COUNSELLING SERVICES REACH-OUT SERIES

Monday, November 23, 2009, 11:40am – 12:55pm. Tyndale University College & Seminary - Room 1001

### MOBILIZING ZOOMERS:

#### BOOMERS WITH ZIP FOR MISSION

Wednesday, November 25, 2009, 9:00am - 4:00pm. Contact 416.226.6380 ext 2708 or [www.tyndale.ca/tim](http://www.tyndale.ca/tim)

### GROWING IN LEADERSHIP CONFIDENCE EVENT

Saturday, November 28, 2009. (See page 19.)

## December

### ENCOUNTER DAY (University)

Tuesday, December 1, 2009  
Go to [www.tyndale.ca/future/visit/](http://www.tyndale.ca/future/visit/) or email visit@tyndale.ca for more information.

### ENCOUNTER DAY (Seminary)

Thursday, December 3, 2009  
Go to [www.tyndaleseminary.ca/future/visit](http://www.tyndaleseminary.ca/future/visit) or email visit@tyndale.ca for more information.

### "JINGJIAO: THE OTHER SIDE OF THE

**EARLY CHURCH**" with Dr. Ron Kydd, Thursday, December 10, 2009, 11:45am - 12:45pm. Tyndale University College & Seminary, Room 1003

## January

### PREVIEW EVENING (Seminary)

Tuesday, January 12, 2010  
Go to [www.tyndaleseminary.ca/future/visit](http://www.tyndaleseminary.ca/future/visit) or email visit@tyndale.ca for more information.

### FINDING YOUR CALLING: COUNSELLING SERVICES CAREER PLANNING SERIES

Monday, January 18, 2010, 11:40am – 12:55pm. Tyndale University College & Seminary - Room 1003

### ENCOUNTER DAY (University)

Tuesday, January 19, 2010  
Go to [www.tyndale.ca/future/visit/](http://www.tyndale.ca/future/visit/) or email visit@tyndale.ca for more information.

### RESUME AND INTERVIEW SKILLS

#### WORKSHOP: COUNSELLING SERVICES

#### CAREER PLANNING SERIES

Monday, January 25, 2010, 11:40am – 12:55pm  
Tyndale University College & Seminary, Room 1003

## February

### OPEN HOUSE (University & Seminary)

Saturday, February 6, 2010. Contact Campus Host, Hillary Veley at 416.226.6380 ext 2150 or visit@tyndale.ca for more information.

### UNDERSTANDING FAMILY DYNAMICS:

#### COUNSELLING SERVICES RELATIONSHIP SERIES

Monday, February 8, 2010, 11:40am – 12:55pm  
Tyndale University College & Seminary, Room 1003

### LIFE ON THE NARROW ROAD

#### CONFERENCE WITH LARRY CRABB

Friday February 12, 2009 - Tyndale  
Saturday February 13, 2009 - The People's Church

### DMIN INFORMATION SESSION

Monday, February 22, 2010  
Contact Campus Host, Hillary Veley at 416.226.6380 ext 2150 or visit@tyndale.ca for more information.

## March

### ANGER ISSUES: COUNSELLING SERVICES REACH-OUT SERIES

Monday, March 1, 2010, 11:40am – 12:55pm  
Tyndale University College & Seminary, Room 1003

### SELF ESTEEM: COUNSELLING SERVICES SELF-CARE SERIES

Monday, March 8, 2010, 11:40am – 12:55pm  
Tyndale University College & Seminary, Room 1003

### HONEYMAN LECTURE SERIES

Wednesday March 10, 2010.  
Tyndale University College & Seminary

### SWISS STUDY TOUR

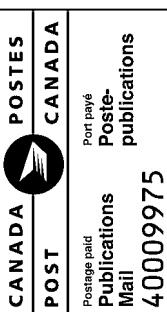
Thursday March 11 - Sunday, March 21, 2010  
For more information please contact Ron Kydd 416.226.6380 ext 2707 or [rkydd@tyndale.ca](mailto:rkydd@tyndale.ca).

### BIBLE SEMINAR (Chinese Ministries)

Saturday, March 27, 2010. Contact Nelly Chau at [nchau@tyndale.ca](mailto:nchau@tyndale.ca) for more information.

### MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SEMINAR

Saturday, March 27, 2010, 9:45am – 5:00pm  
For more information contact Danielle Rourke at 416.226.6380 ext 2123 or [drourke@tyndale.ca](mailto:drourke@tyndale.ca). You may also visit [www.tyndale.ca/counselling](http://www.tyndale.ca/counselling).



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